

REMARKS

I. Status of Claims

Claims 24-37 are currently pending. Claims 38-42 and 45-57 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the claimed subject matter. No claims are amended herein.


Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 24-37 are drawn to allowable subject matter. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the claims are neither anticipated nor obvious in view of the cited prior art and respectfully request the timely allowance of the pending claims.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account no. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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